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In re Application of:)
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Filed: November 6, 2003	;)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

Patent No.	Country	Publication Date
2-301268	Japan	12/13/1990
11-313205	Japan	11/09/1999
7-162851	Japan	06/23/1995
2001-352524	Japan	12/21/2001

REMARKS

The JP '268 reference is cited at page 1 of the specification, the JP '205 reference is cited at page 2 of the specification, and the JP '851 reference and the JP '524 reference are cited at page 3 of the specification; each of these references is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese Patent documents are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract obtained from a commercial database for each of the Japanese references also is submitted herewith as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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